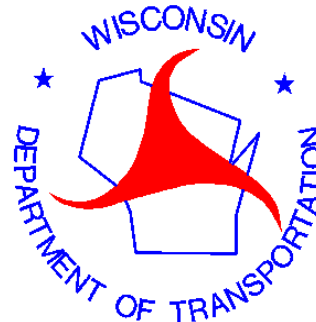


Public Information Meetings for

US 41

**Oconto - Peshtigo
(County S – County Y)**



Oconto & Marinette Counties

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Peshtigo High School Gymnasium

380 Green Street

Peshtigo, Wisconsin

Thursday, October 30, 2003

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Oconto Elementary School Gymnasium

810 Scherer Ave

Oconto, Wisconsin

Welcome to tonight's US 41 public informational meeting. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will discuss the proposed USH 41 improvements between Oconto County S and Marinette County Y. WisDOT personnel will be available to discuss the project on an individual basis, answer questions, and obtain your comments regarding the proposed improvements.

WisDOT plans to construct a 4-lane, median divided facility between Oconto and Peshtigo, including Oconto and Peshtigo bypasses. Tonight's meeting will pertain only to the proposed improvements between County S and County Y. Future public meetings will be held next year for the Oconto and Peshtigo bypass proposals.

Proposed improvements for the County S to County Y segment include a 4-lane, median-divided expressway with limited access locations from Oconto to Peshtigo. Additional right-of-way will be acquired throughout the project limits. This section is 11 miles long and has an estimated project cost of \$33.8 million (\$31.2 million construction cost; \$2.6 million real estate cost). As currently funded, construction is scheduled for the years 2007 through 2009. Right-of-way acquisition for the project is anticipated to begin around July 2004.

The entire project length is 21 miles and includes the Oconto and Peshtigo bypasses. The total estimated project cost, including the bypass segments, is \$126 million (\$111.5 million construction cost; \$14.5 million real estate cost).

Tonight's displays represent the Department's proposals for final roadway alignments and elevations, approximate roadway right-of-way needs (shown in yellow), building buyouts (shown in black), and access (including driveways) for the US 41 project between County S and County Y. Two duplicate wall displays are provided for your review and convenience. The following concepts are shown on the display:

- Proposed US 41 between Oconto and Peshtigo will be constructed to a 4-lane, median-divided expressway. Intersections planned to remain open to US 41 will have access via at-grade intersections. At-grade intersections are proposed at most US 41 crossroads between Oconto and Peshtigo. The intersections will be widened and straightened to improve visibility and safety at US 41.
- The following existing at-grade intersections with US 41 between Oconto and Peshtigo will be eliminated by constructing cul-de-sacs:
 - ◊ Old 15 Road
 - ◊ Tower Road (to the West)
 - ◊ Old 41 Road (both sides)
 - ◊ Reif Road

These intersections are being eliminated to reduce the number of conflict points along the proposed higher speed facility and improve safety.

- Town Hall Road will not have direct access to proposed US 41, but will still be connected to existing US 41 that will serve as a service road. This road will still connect to County M, and County M will access the proposed US 41 via an at-grade intersection.
- Old 41 Road and Wilcox Lane will no longer have access on the east side of US 41, but will connect with each other.
- A new road will be constructed to provide access for the properties currently on the south side of US 41 and west of County Y.
- To reduce the number of highway conflict points and improve safety, the number of driveway access points along US 41 has been minimized. Not all driveways will have median crossovers.
- Widened medians are planned between the northbound and southbound roadways to improve safety where farm crossings and longer trucks are anticipated.

- Existing US 41 is planned to remain as a 2-lane roadway between Schroeder Lane and Kamm Road. This roadway will function as a local frontage road. New northbound and southbound US 41 will be realigned south and east of existing US 41 to improve the roadway alignment and enhance safety.

The last sheet of this handout is a comment form for your use. We welcome your comments and encourage you to provide us with any thoughts or concerns you may have. The comment form may be completed tonight and dropped in the comment box or you may mail it as instructed on the comment form.

To keep the project on schedule, the Department will seek early buyout requests from homeowners planned for buyout. The process for any early buyouts can begin immediately.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation thanks you in advance for your comments and questions. Your input will aid us in our decision making process toward the plan development and construction of the US 41 improvement from Oconto to Peshtigo.

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